



Friendship Lodge No. 210

Trestleboard

2500 Masonic Drive – San Jose, CA 95125
 Stated Meeting – First Thursday of Every Month

JUNE - 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				FRIENDSHIP <i>Stated Meeting</i> <i>Dinner 6:30 PM</i>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>Stated meetings</i> <i>Golden Rule 479</i> <i>San Jose 10</i> <i>Los Altos 712</i> <i>Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	<i>Stated meetings</i> <i>Mt View De Anza</i> <i>#194</i> <i>Palo Alto 346</i> <i>Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	<i>Willow Glen</i> <i>Fraternity 399</i> <i>stated meeting</i> <i>Dinner 6:30 PM</i>	<i>SCVMOA 6:00 PM</i> <i>Mt Moriah 292</i> <i>131 E. Main Street</i> <i>Los Gatos</i> <i>3 rd degree/2 nd</i> <i>sect</i> <i>Officers Mandatory</i>	<i>Bethel 129</i> <i>Meeting 7 PM</i>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<i>Santa Clara</i> <i>DeMolay</i> <i>7 PM</i>		FRIENDSHIP <i>Practice 1st degree</i> <i>7 PM</i>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Father's Day</i>				FRIENDSHIP <i>2 nd degree</i> <i>Proficiency</i> <i>Before Inspector</i> <i>Casual dress</i> <i>7 PM</i>		<i>Bethel 129</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i> <i>10 AM</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		<i>Santa Clara</i> <i>DeMolay 7 PM</i>		FRIENDSHIP <i>Practice 3 rd</i> <i>degree</i> <i>7 PM</i>		

From the East



Friendship Lodge was kind enough to send me and Gillian to the Master and Warden's Retreat again this year. We went to the session at Incline Village, Nevada. I was pleasantly surprised to meet up with the officers of Golden Rule Lodge No. 479 and San Jose Lodge No. 10 who also attended there. And I met a number of officers from Lodges located east of Sacramento. They are an interesting bunch to say the least.

Master and Warden's Retreats are great events for sharing challenges and solutions, learning what's happening at Grand Lodge, and practice transforming wishes into goals and then making them happen. Attendees are presented with a detailed concept of the "ideal" Masonic Lodge, which functions as a template for setting short- and long-term goals for your "real-world" Masonic Lodge.

Something I would like to begin immediately is to have a Welcoming Committee. The idea was for, say, half a dozen members who be on the lookout for new faces and make a concerted effort to greet them, introduce them to other members, and make them feel comfortable.

I thought that was a great idea! But I also think each and every member of Friendship Lodge should be on that committee. So, consider yourself appointed! Making true friends is one of the hopes that prospective members bring with them. And, as our Lodge's name implies, friendship is a big part of what we offer.

As of this writing, we have one applicant for the degrees, Feliciano "Bong" Custodio in the investigation process. We also have an applicant for

affiliation, Brother Ronald Rebong, who received his degrees in Pyramid Lodge No. 490 in New York, currently undergoing the required background check. If these processes are successful, we may be able to vote on their membership at the June Stated Meeting.

I would like to point out that our Senior Warden, Gilbert Cruz, was instrumental in bringing Brother Fularon, Mr. Custodio, and Brother Rebong to Friendship Lodge. What would it be like if a few more Friendship brothers brought in applicants like that?

Brother Omar Martinez received his 2nd Degree of Masonry on April 27th at Maya Lodge No. 793, who kindly conferred the ritual work in Spanish. I was privileged to attend that event, along with Brother Brandon Dueñas of Golden Rule Lodge. Maya Lodge meets on Thursday nights, the same as we do. No promises, but I hope to arrange for Omar's 3rd Degree on a Saturday, so more Friendship Lodge members can make the pilgrimage to attend.

This month's big event is the annual Spring Carnival at Chandler Tripp School, on Friday June 2nd, 2023. Chandler Tripp is a special needs public school, which Friendship Lodge has supported for many years, and they greatly appreciate it.

This year, Chandler Tripp asked us to again provide Child ID services, as well as helping out with serving refreshments. In addition, Friendship Lodge also makes a financial contribution to the school twice a year.

If you would like to learn how to create a Child ID or about Chandler Tripp School, this is your chance. The setup is at 9:30 AM. The event runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The school is located at 780 Thornton Way in San Jose, not far from the county hospital. Please sign up with me by phone, email, or in person. And when you arrive, remember to check in at the front desk and obtain a name tag. I hope to see you there!

Daniel Doornbos, PM
Master

From the West



Greetings Brethren, I hope everyone had a good time spending the day with your mom, your wife and relatives celebrating Mother's Day.

As we move to the month of June, we would have conferred the first degree to one of our applicants. From our last Stated Meeting. We had few visitors who expressed interest in joining our Lodge. I also hope that by this month the report of Good Standing will be received so we can vote for one application for affiliation and a favorable investigation for an applicant for degrees. I also hope that an agreement can be made with Maya Lodge793 to raise bro Omar to the sublime degree of Master Mason on a weekend so more of our brothers can support him.

Please continue to invite your friends, relatives, co-workers to inform them about Masonry and invite them to join us on our Stated Dinner.

On a side note, do you have month that's special to you? For me it's the months of June and July. June because of the Philippines Independence Day where most of Masons who lead in making it happen. One of Filipino is Dr. Jose Rizal, a brother Mason, who inspired the leaders. On the day of his execution, he would had been executed in the back, but as he heard the word fire he turned around facing the executioners, proving his love for his country. July as it's United States Independence Day which we know the founding fathers were mostly Masons.

Fraternally,
Gilbert Cruz, Senior Warden

From the South



Fraternal greetings! I want to thank everyone who came to the May stated meeting dinner fundraiser for the Job's Daughters, and I especially want to thank the Job's Daughters themselves for cooking and serving! I know they are so appreciative of our support, and we always love having them with us.

This upcoming June will be a Bulgarian themed dinner put together by our own Brother Hristo Kolev, so mark your calendars and bring an empty stomach!

Looking forward to the summer months, we will be having more summer-themed dinners for our more casual meetings. In addition, as a reminder, our Lodge Picnic is upcoming, and we would love to see you there!

Fraternally,
Andrew Litfin, Junior Warden

Training Camp



This month, we will continue to focus on conferring the 2nd Degree. We have no candidates who are ready for their 2nd Degree at this moment. But it is my hope that we can qualify with Inspector Dinesh Chhabra later this month.

Brother Al Dorji joined our officer corps as Marshal and did his first tour of duty in the May 25 1st Degree for Glorino "Glo" Fularon. Brother Al did a solid job overall, and excellent work for his first time. I hope he finds as much enjoyment conferring the degrees as the rest of us.

All degree practices happen on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you cannot attend the practice, kindly let me know so we don't wait for you. Even if you miss a practice, you are still expected to learn your work. I am available for one-on-one coaching if you need it.

We have an Officers Association Meeting (OAM) on Thursday, June 8. Mount Moriah Lodge No. 292, which meets at the Los Gatos Masonic Center, is hosting. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Friendship Lodge covers the cost of our Officers' meals.

The SOI begins at 7:30 PM. This month's topic is the 2nd section of the 3rd Degree. All Officers are expected to attend all SOIs. If you cannot make it for any reason, please contact our Inspector Worshipful Dinesh Chhabra.

Daniel Doornbos, PM
Officers Coach

The Reverend's Corner



Greetings Brethren, (Father's Love with Inner Peace)

June can be a very busy month for some of us. Like graduations, weddings, birthdays, and even Flag Day. But I want to concentrate on Father's Day.

As we celebrated the love, gentleness, and nurturing of our mothers, let's take a look at how our fathers played a role in our lives.

We treasure our childhood memories of feeling safe when our fathers or a father figure in our lives were nearby.

Some of us can remember the encouragement from our fathers as they taught us how to ride a bike or build a birdhouse. We as young men made mistakes, but the sternness of our fathers was there with wise judgement to get us back on the right path.

As our earthly fathers were there to guide us, know that our heavenly Father was their guide.

We give thanks for the unfolding expression of God within our fathers and everyone who has blessed us with fatherly love.

With this love we can find inner peace. We can let this flow into our daily lives.

When we stand on a garden hose the water will not flow, it is blocked. So, it is in our lives, if we hold onto ill feelings, fear, resentment, or ever unworthiness, we block the flow of that inner peace. All of us are a conduit through which the peace of God flows.

Let's not block this inner peace, For it is when we recognize and release whatever is blocking that we can open up our hearts and inner peace flows freely.

So, this month we pray for all fathers and affirm their wisdom, understanding, and willingness to nurture with encouraging love. We can use those tools given to us to be the best father figure in other lives. As Masonic brothers, we move forward.

AFFIRMATION:

I give thanks for my father and all expressions of fatherly love and know the peace of God flows through me.

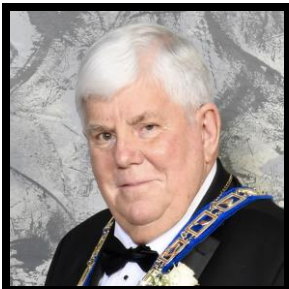
FROM SACRED WRITINGS:

John 15:9 - As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Job 22:21 - Agree with God and be at peace; in this way good will come to you.

God bless,
Reverend Gene

Secretary's Table



June Events:

June 1st - Stated Meeting/dinner –

Cost \$10.00

Dress: Coat and tie

June 18th – Father's Day

June 22nd - 2nd degree Proficiency Before Inspector

Casual dress



June Birthdays

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| 1 – Morian Walker | 15 - Peter Mandon |
| 1 - David Kahmann | 15 - Rodney Beck |
| 2 – Marc Crowe | 20 - Mike Larsen |
| 4 - David Sepulveda | 21 - David Peters |
| 5 - Juan Arreguin, PM | 22 - Harold Detrick |
| 11 - Robert Dawson | 22 - Charles Gutierrez |
| 14 - Eugene Meyer | 25 – Gilbert Cruz |
| | 26 - Hristo Kolev |

*****Things to Ponder*****

Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace. Train your mind to be calm in every situation.

The DREAM is FREE, but the JOURNEY is NOT!

“2023” Officers

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